WLNS 4TH QTR
2011 ISSUES

Community needs and issues

Based upon WLNS-TV's involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, WLNS-TV ("WLNS") has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

Health and Health Care - Medical issues affecting all members of our community are a main focus of WLNS. These issues are addressed, in part, in our nightly "Healthcast" segment in our 11 p.m. news, Monday thru Friday.

Economy - As the home of General Motors, Michigan State University, and many other large corporations and smaller businesses upon which area residents are dependent for jobs, the mid-Michigan economy is always of interest to viewers of WLNS.

Crime - Like many other large communities, crime is always a concern to the community. WLNS' "Crimestoppers" segment airs several times per week, and is responsible for the arrest of many fugitives.

Education - Michigan State University leads the way, along with hundreds of area schools, in making mid-Michigan an educationally based community, and WLNS offers a variety of coverage of educational issues, not to mention comprehensive coverage of school closings during the winter months.

Race relations - With a very diverse population, coverage of issues pertaining to relations between all races in our community is given prime focus on WLNS.

Environment - Being home to many manufacturing companies, the treatment of the environment is focused upon when news warrants.

Terrorism/National Security – The events up to, surrounding and subsequent to 9/11 continue to have an impact on the entire nation and are of prime concern to WLNS viewers.

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Fourth Quarter 2011
ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST FOR WLNS

The following list contains some of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WLNS during the quarter. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Date	Program	Time/ Duration	Issue	Description
3-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ 1:10	Race Relations	SOMEONE WROTE THE N-WORD, WHICH WE'VE BLURRED OUT, ON A FEMALE STUDENT'S DOOR AT AKERS HALL LAST WEEK. MSU POLICE TELL 6 NEWS THEY ARE WORKING TO FIND WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, SOME BLACK STUDENTS SAY IT'S NOT THE FIRST, OR LAST TIME. THE BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE WILL HOLD A TOWN HALL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.. WHERE IT WILL DETAIL OTHER RECENT INSTANCES OF RACIAL INTIMIDATION. OTHER STUDENT GROUPS AND MSU REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND. THE BSA HOPES PUBLICIZING THE INCIDENTS WILL HELP END THEM.
4-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:16 p.m./ :33	Education	THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ---SAYS MICHIGAN STANDS TO GAIN 900 MILLION DOLLARS AND 12,000 EDUCATION JOBS---SHOULD THE PRESIDENT'S JOBS PLAN PASS. THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE PLAN BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS LAST MONTH---AND HAS URGED LAWMAKERS TO PASS THE BILL EVER SINCE. GETTING IT PASSED THOUGH---COULD BE A CHALLENGE. REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE VOWED TO FIGHT THIS BILL---LABELING IT AS MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING WHICH THE COUNTRY CAN ILL AFFORD. STILL--- DUNCAN SAYS---IMPROVING FACILITIES---AND HIRING TEACHERS IS KEY IN JUMP STARTING ECONOMIC GROWTH.
4-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ 1:28	Race Relations/ Education	THEY FILLED UP THE AUDITORIUM AND SPILLED INTO THE LOBBY-- HUNDREDS HERE TO DISCUSS RACISM SILVER MOORE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE -- SHE SAYS THE RECENT INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS AREN'T SURPRISING.
5-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:13 p.m./ :29	Health/ Health Care/ Education	MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ARE ATTENDING A TWO DAY CONFERENCE- SPONSORED BY MSU-ON MEDICAL PACKAGING. THAT'S WHAT DEVICES LIKE SYRINGES-- GAUZE, AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES-- ARE WRAPPED IN. IT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE A BIG DEAL-- BUT OFFICIALS SAY-- POORLY DESIGNED PACKAGING HAS LED SOME HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS GRABBING THE "WRONG" PRODUCT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. TODAY'S EVENT GIVES PACKAGING DESIGNERS-- MORE INFORMATION TO HELP THEM DO A GOOD JOB.

6-Oct	Noon News	12:06 p.m./ :34	Crime	A MAN IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE IN A LANSING HOSPITAL. NOW POLICE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE PERSON WHO SHOT HIM. IT HAPPENED IN DOWNTOWN LANSING AT ABOUT 9-30 LAST NIGHT..NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HILLSDALE AND CHESTNUT STREETS. THAT'S A FEW BLOCKS SOUTH OF THE STATE CAPITOL. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE VICTIM WAS IN A CAR WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND...WHEN HE WAS SHOT BY SOMEONE APPARENTLY TRYING TO ROB HIM. EARLY REPORTS INDICATE THE VICTIM MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD...BUT POLICE ARE NOT CONFIRMING THOSE DETAILS. IF YOU CAN HELP SOLVE THIS CRIME... CALL THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 517 483-4600.
7-Oct	Noon News	12:05 p.m./ :25	Economy	GOOD AFTERNOON. SOME MODESTLY GOOD NEWS TODAY FROM THE U-S LABOR DEPARTMENT. EMPLOYERS ADDED JUST OVER 100-THOUSAND JOBS IN SEPTEMBER. STILL....THE UPTICK IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUDGE THE NATION'S HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL. AND PROTESTS OVER THE ECONOMY CONTINUE TO SPREAD. ALEXIS CHRISTOFOROUS HAS MORE FROM WALL STREET.
8-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :25	Education/ Health/ Health Care	THE HOSPITAL WAS AWARDED SECOND PLACE FOR THE *SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY AND ADVOCACY AWARD* BECAUSE OF IT'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OF HEALTHY FOOD IN HOSPITALS. SPARROW HAS LEAD SEVERAL HEALTHY FOOD INITIATIVES. THE MOST RECENT INCLUDES A STATE-WIDE PUSH TO PROMOTE MORE NUTRITIONAL MENUS FOR PATIENTS--- NUTRITIONAL LABELING IN CAFETERIAS AND THE USE OF MICHIGAN-GROWN AND PRODUCED ITEMS. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED LATER THIS MONTH AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE.
11-Oct	Noon News	12:05 p.m./ :21	Health/ Health Care	THE EATON COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY WILL HOLD IT'S THIRD ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR TODAY. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS *HEART, HEALTH, HEALING. FLU SHOTS AND VARIOUS HEALTH SCREENINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH INFORMATION ON STROKE RECOVERY, MEDICARE AND NUTRITION. THE HEALTH FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 11 THIS MORNING UNTIL 7 TONIGHT AT 530 WEST BEECH STREET IN CHARLOTTE.
11-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:09 p.m./ :23	Environmen t	FORMER CONGRESSMAN MARK SCHAUER---AND EAST LANSING RESIDENT BRIAN CENCI WERE AMONG THOSE HONORED--- SCHAUER FOR HIS VOTING RECORD IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT--AND SUPPORTING GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES--- CENCI---FOR HIS WORK AS PROJECT MANAGER AND LEAD DESIGNER OF THE TOWAR RAIN GARDENS DRAIN PROJECT IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP--SUPPORTERS SAY---PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES--IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.
13-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :25	Economy	CONGRESS PASSED NEW FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTH KOREA, COLOMBIA AND PANAMA EARLIER THIS WEEK. IT'S A MOVE BOTH PARTIES BELIEVE WILL HELP THE ECONOMY. THE DEALS ELIMINATE SOME TAXES THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE TO PAY WHEN THEY EXPORT GOODS TO THOSE THREE COUNTRIES.

18-Oct	7:55 a.m. cut-in	7:55 a.m.	Education	A LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION HOPES TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO REDUCE THE LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DROP OUT RATE. TONIGHT... *ACTION OF GREATER LANSING* WILL HOST A PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING THE ISSUE. THE GROUP WILL ASK LOCAL OFFICIALS TO COMMIT TO SUPPORT.... MORE ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION WITHIN THE DISTRICT.
18-Oct	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :25	Crime	MEMBERS OF A STATE SENATE COMMITTEE WILL DEBATE LEGISLATION AIMED AT PROTECTING CHILDREN. THE BILLS WOULD HELP CLOSE A LOOPHOLE IN MICHIGAN LAW THAT DOESN'T CONSIDER TEACHER-STUDENT SEXUAL RELATIONS A CRIME IF THE STUDENT IS 18 OR OLDER. THE PANEL IS ALSO CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD INCREASE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR CRIMES OF KIDNAPPING...ATTEMPTED MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER FROM 10 YEARS TO 20 YEARS.
20-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:12 p.m./ :20	Race Relations	THE EVENT IS ALSO PART OF THIS MONTH'S ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION--- LOCAL LATINO AND HISPANIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE AWARDED FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES, SPANNING FROM FINE ARTS TO EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
21-Oct	8:25 a.m. cut in	8:25 a.m./ :21	Economy	UNEMPLOYED WORKERS PLAN TO RALLY ACROSS THE STATE TO CALL ON ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CREATE MORE JOBS. WE ARE THE PEOPLE AND BLUE-GREEN ALLIANCE ARE ORGANIZING THE RALLIES. THEY SAY THE STATE'S POLITICIANS NEED TO FIX LOCAL BRIDGES AND CREATE CONSTRUCTION JOBS TO GET OUR ECONOMY MOVING. RALLY'S ARE PLANNED ACROSS THE STATE INCLUDING ONE TODAY ON LAKE LANSING ROAD.
21-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:06 p.m./ :22	Race Relations/ Education	THE RECENT INCIDENTS OF RACIAL INTIMIDATION ON CAMPUS. MEMBERS OF THE "BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE" SPOKE DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS TODAY-- ABOUT RACISM ON CAMPUS. THE M-S-U PRESIDENT SAYS-- SHE UNDERSTANDS THEIR CONCERNS.
22-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:16 p.m./ :30	Health/ Health Care	A NEW STUDY SHOWS MICHIGAN HOSPITALS ARE LEADING THE WAY INTO THE FUTURE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT-- DONE BY THE MICHIGAN HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION... HOSPITALS IN OUR STATE ARE AMONG THE TOP FOR PATIENT CARE-- AND COULD BECOME NATIONAL LEADERS IN YEARS TO COME. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT-- SINCE 2003 INITIATIVES AT MICHIGAN HOSPITALS HAVE SAVED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS--- STREAMLINED PATIENT CARE-- PREVENTED INFECTIONS--- AND HELPED PATIENTS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AND UNDERSTAND FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.
26-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :25	Economy	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ROLLING OUT ANOTHER PLAN TO HELP AMERICANS STRUGGLING WITH DEBT. THIS TIME....IT'S ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH CRUSHING STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS. HE SAYS.... IT'S ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS HELPING IMPROVE THE NATION'S SLUMPING ECONOMY. DANIELLE NOTTINGHAM HAS MORE.
27-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :24	Education	ALSO AT THE CAPITOL--- A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW THE OPENING OF MORE ON-LINE CHARTER SCHOOLS-- WAS PASSED BY STATE SENATE. STATE LAW CURRENTLY ALLOWS TWO CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OPERATE IN MICHIGAN. SUPPORTERS OF EXPANSION SAY-- THERE'S A WAITING LIST TO GET INTO THOSE SCHOOLS.

28-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :27	Crime	TAKE ANOTHER LOOK. THIS IS THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF OUTSIDE THE KFC ON MICHIGAN AVENUE TWO WEEKS AGO. YOU CAN SEE THE GUNMAN WALKING INTO THE RESTAURANT FROM A BACK ALLEY. AFTER THE SHOOTING, YOU SEE EMPLOYEES RUNNING FRANTICALLY OUT OF THE BUILDING AND INTO THE ALLEY. ONE OF THEM HIDES - ANOTHER PERSON GOT INTO THE GETAWAY CAR -- AS IT TAKES OFF. THE QUALITY OF THE VIDEO ISN'T GREAT. BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME--- CALL LANSING POLICE OR CRIMESTOPPERS.
3-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:14 p.m./ :28	Economy	HERE'S MORE GOOD NEWS FOR OUR STATE: MICHIGAN HAS THE SECOND FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY IN THE NATION. BLOOMBERG NEWS SAYS-- ONLY NORTH DAKOTA RANKS ABOVE MICHIGAN IN GROWING ITS ECONOMY-- AND AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT-- THERE'S A HEARTY DEBATE OVER GOVERNOR SNYDER'S ROLE IN THAT GROWTH. CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK HAS THE STORY.
7-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:11 p.m./ :37	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE-- HAS FILED A LAWSUIT TO CLOSE "TWO WOMEN'S CLINICS" THAT PROVIDE ABORTIONS IN LANSING AND SAGINAW. SCHUETTE'S OFFICE FILED A COMPLAINT TODAY IN EATON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT -- SEEKING TO DISSOLVE THE "HEALTH CARE CLINIC" IN DELTA TOWNSHIP-- AND THE "WOMEN'S CHOICE CLINIC" IN SAGINAW. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS AN INVESTIGATION INCLUDED EVIDENCE OF IMPROPER MEDICAL RECORDS DISPOSAL AT THE CLINICS-- OWNED BY RICHARD RE-MUND.
9-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :42	Crime	MAYBE THE MOST LEGENDARY COACH IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY GOES OUT IN SHAME...PATERNO FIRED TONIGHT ABOUT 12 HOURS AFTER TELLING HIS TEAM THIS MORNING HE WOULD RETIRE AFTER THIS SEASON. PENN STATE LEADS THE BIG 10 LEADERS DIVISION BUT THIS ISSUE AND THE LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY BY PATERNO AND HIS PRESIDENT FAR SUPERCEDES A FOOTBALL SEASON OR A GAME...OR EVEN JOE PA'S LEGACY. 46 YEARS AT PENN STATE....NOW OUT OF A JOB...DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR TOM BRADLEY WILL BE THE INTERIM COACH AND WILL COACH THE TEAM THIS SATURDAY FOR SENIOR DAY----THE FINAL HOME GAME AGAINST NEBRASKA. TO ME...THIS WAS A NO-BRAINER...PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THEIR DECISIONS AND LACK OF ACTION ON A HAINUS CRIME... AGAIN...JOE PATERNO AND PENN STATE PRESIDENT GRAHAM SPANIER FIRED TONIGHT BY THE PENN STATE BOARD OF REGENTS...
10-Nov	Noon News	12:04 p.m./ :21	Environment	THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM A MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP. IT SHOWS THE STATE IS AMONG THE NATIONS WORST FOR MERCURY POLLUTION FROM POWER PLANTS. EXPERTS SAY MERCURY CAN HAVE ESPECIALLY NEGATIVE AFFECTS ON CHILDREN... WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT...ATTENTION SPANS AND INTELLIGENCE. THEY SAY ONE IN TEN WOMEN HAVE ENOUGH MERCURY IN THEIR SYSTEMS TO HARM A CHILD.

13-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :26	Education	THE EVENT KICKS OFF MSU'S WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. THERE WAS LIVE MUSIC--ENTERTAINMENT--- DANCING AND FOOD. TODAY'S EVENT HELPED RAISE MONEY FOR CURRENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHOSE SPOUSES WANT TO START TAKING CLASSES TOO. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES.
14-Dec	Noon News	12:04 p.m./ :28	Economy	SOME STATE LAWMAKERS ARE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF MICHIGAN'S NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY -- IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THE ECONOMY. AT ONE-THIRTY THIS AFTERNOON -- MEMBERS OF THE *SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE* WILL HOLD THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HEARINGS -- INTENDED TO OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LAWMAKERS AND MICHIGAN TRIBES. THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE SAYS THE TRIBES ARE WELL-POSITIONED TO BRING IN HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM FEDERAL CONTRACTS.
14-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :27	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE OVER-HAUL -- IS HEADING TO THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT. THE SUPREME COURT AGREED TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON SEVERAL PARTS OF THE LAW. THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENT "HAS THE RIGHT" TO "FORCE" INDIVIDUALS TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE. DANIELLE NOTTINGHAM HAS MORE.
19-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :23	Education	IT'S ALL IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR SNYDER'S CUTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION. EARLIER THIS YEAR... THE REPUBLICAN-LED MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE APPROVED LAWS THAT CHANGED THE TEACHER TENURE SYSTEM AND GAVE MORE POWER TO EMERGENCY MANAGERS APPOINTED TO RUN STRUGGLING SCHOOLS AND CITIES. THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND THE STATE'S CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS... HAVE INCREASED HOW MUCH THEY SPEND ON LOBBYING STATE OFFICIALS BY AT LEAST 11 PERCENT.
20-Nov	6 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :28	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	NEW YORK CITY POLICE ARRESTED A U-S CITIZEN THEY SAY WAS PLANNING TO USE PIPE BOMBS TO TARGET POLICE AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY RETURNING HOME FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. CBS CORRESPONDENT RANDALL PINKSTON HAS THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATION.
21-Nov	Noon News	12:04 p.m./ :24	Environment	THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HANDED THE CHECK TO COMMUNITY LEADERS THIS MORNING. THE PLAN MIXES HOUSING...TRANSPORTATION...AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT... ALL IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. THE FUNDING TARGETS THE MICHIGAN AVENUE- GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR. IT STRETCHES 19 MILES--STARTING AT THE CAPITOL. EXTENDING TO WEBERVILLE. SEVEN OF THE AREA'S 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS POPULATE THIS REGION.

22-Nov	Noon News	12:07 p.m./ :35	Crime	OFFICIALS WITH THE WESTERN DISTRICT COURT IN GRAND RAPIDS SAY 19-YEAR OLD *DEMETRIS KLINE* OF LANSING -- ADMITTED TO ONE COUNT OF CARRYING...USING...AND DISCHARGING A FIREARM IN RELATION TO A DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME. LANSING POLICE SAY SHAYLA JOHNSON WAS GUNNED DOWN IN JULY OF 20-10 AT HER HOME ON LENORE STREET--IN SOUTH LANSING. IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS GUILTY PLEA -- OTHER CHARGES AGAINST KLINE WERE DROPPED. A SENTENCING DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET.
25-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :19	Crime	OFFICIALS SAY THEY WERE CALLED TO A HOME IN THE 4-HUNDRED BLOCK OF HANNAH ROAD AROUND 8:30 LAST NIGHT.. IN RURAL INGHAM COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BELIEVES 53-YEAR OLD TIMOTHY HENCRICKS SHOT HIS EX-WIFE BEFORE KILLING HIMSELF. OFFICIALS SAY A FAMILY MEMBER FOUND THE BODIES.... THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CRIME LAB ASSISTED IN THE INVESTIGATION...
28-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ 1:02	Economy	MORE THAN 122-MILLION AMERICANS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOP ONLINE TODAY COMPARED TO 106 MILLION PEOPLE LAST YEAR. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION. EXPERTS ALSO PREDICT THE USE OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO PURCHASE ITEMS WILL DOUBLE. THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION PREDICTS THE NUMBER OF ONLINE SHOPPERS WHO WILL USE SOME SORT OF HAND-HELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO SHOP WILL JUMP FROM 7 TO 14 PERCENT. IT ALSO EXPECTS MORE PEOPLE WILL SHOP ONLINE FROM WORK THIS YEAR. LOCAL EXPERTS AGREE THE NUMBER OF ONLINE SHOPPERS WILL BE UP IN MICHIGAN TOO.
28-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	DOCTORS ARE ONCE AGAIN LOOKING AT STEEP MEDICARE CUTS THAT COULD "UNDER-MINE" HEALTH CARE FOR MILLIONS OF SENIORS AND DISABLED PEOPLE-- "UNLESS" CONGRESS ACTS BY JANUARY FIRST TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING. THE CUTS HAVE BECOME A RECURRING SYMBOL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET WOES. THIS TIME IT'S ABOUT A 27-PERCENT CUT. LAST YEAR, IT WAS ABOUT 20-PERCENT. IT'S ALL A CONSEQUENCE OF A 1990S BUDGET LAW THAT FAILED TO CONTROL SPENDING-- BUT NEVER GOT REPEALED. LAST WEEK'S SUPERCOMMITTEE BREAKDOWN LEAVES THE PROBLEM UNRESOLVED WITH TIME RUNNING-OUT.
29-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:12 p.m./ :24	Crime	POLICE SAY THEY FOUND THE BODIES OF A MAN AND A WOMAN AROUND 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON AT HEB'S INN ON CEDAR STREET. THEY SAY THE PAIR DIED OF APPARENT GUN SHOT WOUNDS. AT THIS POINT - POLICE AREN'T SURE WHETHER IT'S A DOUBLE HOMICIDE OR A MURDER SUICIDE. BUT THEY ARE TREATING IT AS A SUSPICIOUS SITUATION THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CRIME LAB IS ALSO ASSISTING IN THE INVESTIGATION...THERE'S NO WORD YET ON EITHER OF THEIR IDENTITIES.
2-Dec	Noon News	12:05 p.m./ :19	Economy	AS OUR ECONOMY CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE-- THE CHARITIES THAT SERVE AS A "SAFETY NET" ARE ALSO STRUGGLING TO MEET THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. TO HELP -- T-V SIX IS ONCE AGAIN HOSTING OUR *DAY OF GIVING* ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

6-Dec	Noon News	12:10 p.m./ :25	Education/ Economy	MEANTIME -- THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE BACK IN SESSION TODAY. AND -- LAWMAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO SET THE STAGE FOR SOME KEY VOTES ON EDUCATION POLICY AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD EXPAND ONLINE LEARNING OR *CYBER* CHARTER SCHOOL OPTIONS. AND THE HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A HEARING ON BILLS TO SHORE UP THE STATE'S FUND FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
8-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:04 a.m./ :21	Race Relations	THE ROCKY ROAD AT THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JUST GOT ROCKIER. THIS...AS A 24-YEAR-VETERAN SLAPS A LAWSUIT ON HIS FORMER EMPLOYER. JIM BENJAMIN --- THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS WAS FIRED IN OCTOBER --- AFTER A STUDY THAT SUGGESTED CHANGES NEEDED TO BE MADE TO MANAGEMENT. THAT STUDY CAME AFTER SEVERAL ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT THE ROAD COMMISSON.
8-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:34 a.m./ :38	Race Relations	WE GOT A COPY OF THE LAWSUIT FILED BY BENJAMIN. IT LAYS OUT YEARS OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND TURMOIL AT THE ROAD COMMISSION. IT SAYS IN 2009 --- BOARD CHAIR SHIRLEY RODGERS DID NOT WANT BENJAMIN TO BE PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS BECAUSE HE'S WHITE. IT ALSO SAYS RODGERS VOTED AGAINST THE PROMOTION BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO SEE THE JOB GO TO A WOMAN OR MINORITY CANDIDATE. ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS...RODGERS TOLD BENJAMIN SHE QUOTE "HAS A PROBLEM WITH UN-EDUCATED WHITE MALES HOLDING HIGH POSITIONS IN ANY ORGANIZATION." THE LAWSUIT SAYS SHE ALSO STATED THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT "HIRE AFFIRMATIVELY" AND ADMITTED SHE "HAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT". STACIA MULLANEY HAS THE STORY.
9-Dec	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :21	Race Relations/ Education	MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED-20 EDUCATORS... HISPANIC LEADERS... AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE HAVE GATHERED FOR THE ALL-DAY EVENT. ORGANIZERS SAY ONE-THIRD OF MICHIGAN'S HISPANIC CHILDREN LIVE IN LOW-INCOME HOMES -- AND THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS.
12-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:15 a.m./ :22	Crime	TESTIMONY CONTINUES TODAY IN THE TRIAL OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING TWO LANSING MEN. BENJAMIN FRENCH FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES --- INCLUDING TWO COUNTS OF OPEN MURDER. PROSECUTORS SAY FRENCH MURDERED 23-YEAR-OLD OWEN GOODENOW AND 18-YEAR-OLD DARREN BROWN IN MARCH OF 2010. LATER THIS MORNING...CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS ARE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY. THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO WRAP UP SOMETIME THIS WEEK.
14-Dec	7:55 a.m. cut-in	7:55 a.m./ :27	Environment/ Education	HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE --- HAVE THE CHANCE TO TEAM UP... TO HELP THE ENVIROMENT. THE 20-12 *MICHIGAN ENVIRO-THON* WILL TEST STUDENTS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT...INCLUDING ECOLOGY---FORESTRY---AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. THE OUTDOOR COMPETITION --- WILL TAKE PLACE THIS MAY IN SAULT STE. MARIE.

14-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :30	Health/ Health Care	HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE REFUSING TO ENDORSE GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER'S PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MEDICAL HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE. THE GOVERNOR CLAIMS IT WOULD SUPER-CEDE THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM-- AUTHORED BY THE PRESIDENT. SENATE REPUBLICANS ARE ON BOARD WITH THE PLAN-- BUT HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE NOT. SIX NEWS CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK HAS MORE.
15-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:07 a.m./ :22	Education	IT'S OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST NOW. THE PROGRAM ALLOWS PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PRE-PURCHASE CREDITS TOWARDS FUTURE TUITION AT ANY OF THE STATE'S UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC COLLEGES BY LOCKING IN TODAY'S RATES. THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD RUNS THROUGH AUGUST OF NEXT YEAR. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO SET WITH MET DOT COM.
20-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:12 p.m./ :22	Health/ Health Care	THE G-O-P STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AT ODDS WITH G-O-P GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER OVER HEALTH CARE REFORM. THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO MOVE NOW TO CREATE A HEALTH CARE MARKET PLACE FOR TWO MILLION CONSUMERS IN MICHIGAN... BUT BILL SCHUETTE AND KEY G-O-P LEGISLATIVE LEADERS WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES ON OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE PLAN. SIX NEWS CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK REPORTS.
22-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :19	Crime	PROSECUTORS TODAY CHARGED CHRISTOPHER PERRIEN WITH TWO COUNTS OF FELONY MURDER AND TWO FELONY WEAPONS CHARGES. POLICE AND PROSECUTORS SAY PERRIEN WAS A RESIDENT OF THE EATON COUNTY JAIL-- BUT WAS APPARENTLY OUT ON WORK RELEASE-- EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T HAVE A JOB. SO ALONG WITH CHARGING HIM WITH THE CRIMES, THE SHERIFF AND PROSECUTOR ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED.
24-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:20 p.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THEY'RE CONCERNED THE INFORMATION COULD BE USED FOR BIO-TERRORISM AGAINST AMERICA. THE U-S GOVERNMENT PAID FOR THE RESEARCH TO SEE WHETHER THE BIRD FLU VIRUS COULD BECOME A BIGGER THREAT TO HUMANS. ITS BELIEVED THAT RESEARCHERS CREATED NEW STRAINS THAT COULD EASILY SPREAD BETWEEN FERRETS... A SIGN THE VIRUS COULD THEN EASILY SPREAD AMONG HUMANS. THEY WANT TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM SO OTHER SCIENTISTS CAN SEE THEIR DATA.
26-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care	MICHIGAN HOSPITALS ARE LOOKING TO MERGE AFTER CHANGES IN FEDERAL HEALTH CARE. SMALL PROVIDERS ARE LOOKING TO COMBINE WITH LARGER ONES JUST TO SURVIVE. ONE OF THOSE SEEKING A LARGER PARTNER IS RIGHT HERE IN MID-MICHIGAN. THE OWOSSO BASED MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE... A 90 YEAR OLD...150 BED HOSPITAL HAS ASKED FOR PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS FROM LARGER PROVIDERS IN JUNE AND IS NOW CONSIDEREING OFFERS FROM THREE OF THEM..INCLUDING SPARROW HOSPITAL HERE IN LANSING.

27-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:15 a.m./ :12	Race Relations	CHRISTMAS MAY BE OVER BUT KWANZAA ---- A WEEK LONG CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE AND TRADITION IS UNDERWAY. NICK PERREAULT SHOWS US HOW ONE LOCAL CHURCH IS EMBRACING THE SEVEN DAY FESTIVITIES.
29-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:06 a.m./ :26	Crime	EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING JACKSON FIRE FIGHTERS CAME TO THIS VACANT HOUSE ON FIRST STREET --- AFTER A NEIGHBOR REPORTED SMELLING NATURAL GAS IN THE AREA. IT TURNS OUT THERE WAS A GAS LEAK IN THE HOUSE --- AFTER SOMEONE APPARENTLY CUT OUT THE COPPER GAS LINE. ONE OFFICER WENT TO CHECK OUT THE EMPTY HOUSE NEXT DOOR --- AND DISCOVERED MORE COPPER MISSING. THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS COPPER CRIMES ARE FREQUENT --- AND THERE MAY BE A SOLUTION TO STOPPING THEM.
29-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:25 p.m./ :19	Education	THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS IT WILL OFFER SCHOOLS *TWO* FREE TESTS. IT'S A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT GEARED TO EIGHTH AND TENTH GRADERS. THE PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY -- SO SCORES CAN'T BE USED FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ACCOUNTABILITY OR RANKINGS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WILL RELEASE MORE INFORMATION -- IN EARLY JANUARY.